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ATTEMPT TO SECURE DEPORTATION TO USSR OF DESERTER TURAEV (1945)

From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

No: 500

24 Sept. 45

To NEW YORK for SERGEI^[i], copy to MOSCOW for SEMEN^[ii].

The Immigration Bureau in PHILADELPHIA has under consideration the case of a traitor to the fatherland, Aleksandr TURAEV, a seaman on the Soviet vessel "LOZOVS'KIJ", who deserted in TACOMA in April this year. TURAEV was arrested in the LOS ANGELES area in August of this year, and is in the immigration prison. He succeeded in obtaining from TURAEV's lawyer an official letter [redacted] which confirms TURAEV's loyalty to his native land. A copy of this document was sent to the immigration authorities in [redacted] our demand concerning the deportation of T. to the USSR. The immigration authorities in LOS ANGELES consider that the case [redacted] in our favour. With the aim of putting pressure on the outcome of the case we request that you visit the heads [redacted] of the immigration authorities with this demand, and get a court decision concerning the deportation of T. to the Union. Please communicate the result.

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SERGEI^[iii]

Comments: [i] SERGEI: Probably Vladimir Sergeevich PRAVDIN, Senior TASS representative in NEW YORK.
[ii] SEMEN: Unidentified cover-name.
[iii] SERGEI: Probably Viktor Vasilevich AFANAS'EV

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